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SUBJECT: PHASE II OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE - REPORT NO. 5

1. AMB. GALO LEORO, ECUADORIAN REPRESENTATIVE, PRESENTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON AMENDMENT OF THE RIO TREATY BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE I SEPTEMBER 18. THE CHANGES WHICH HE FAVORED, AMPLIFYING THE POSITION SPELLED OUT IN LIMA, WERE:

A. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 2 TO ALLOW DIRECT ACCESS TO THE UN IN COLLECTIVE SECURITY CASES.

B. REDUCTION OF THE ZONE COVERED BY THE TREATY (ART.4).

C. ELIMINATION OF THE OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS TO ACT WHEN AGGRESSION AGAINST ANOTHER MEMBER TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE THE SECURITY ZONE.

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D. TERMINATING MEASURES IMPOSED BY THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE, RATHER THAN FOR TWO-THIRDS VOTE AS NOW REQUIRED OR WHEN THEY CEASE TO HAVE TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT AS PROPOSED BY MEXICO AND PERU.

E. INCLUSION OF THE CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION IN THE SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY (WHICH ALTERNATIVELY MIGHT BE HANDLED IN A SEPARATE INSTRUMENT).

2. MOST OF LEORO'S SPEECH WAS TAKEN UP WITH A LENGTHY AND WELL-REASONED DISAGREEMENT ON PERU'S PROPOSALS TO ELIMINATE AGGRESSION AND THREATS TO THE PEACE SHORT OF ARMED ATTACK (ART. 6) FROM THE TREATY'S JURISDICTION AND TO EXCISE ARTICLE 9, WITH ITS DEFINITION OF INVASION AS A FORM OF AGGRESSION. AGGRESSION, AND SPECIFICALLY INVASION, MAY NOT NOW SEEM IMMEDIATE THREAT, LEORO SAID, BUT IT COULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, MOREOVER, MUCH OF THE TREATY'S VALUE IS AS A DETERRENT. PERU HAS SUGGESTED DROPPING "AGGRESSION" (I.E. OTHER THAN ARMED ATTACK) BECAUSE IT IS TOO VAGUE, BUT WHAT COULD BE LESS VAGUE THAN INVASION? SIMILARLY, ELIMINATING THREATS OF AGGRESSION MAKES LITTLE SENSE, LEORO SAID. WHAT IF THERE IS NO ACT OF VIOLENCE -- AN ULTIMATUM, FOR EXAMPLE? THE RIO TREATY SHOULD NOT BE LIKE FIREMEN WAITING FOR THE FLAMES TO BREAK OUT BEFORE THEY CAN ACT.

3. THE PERUVIAN DELEGATE PROMISED A REPLY LATER. RUSH

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